

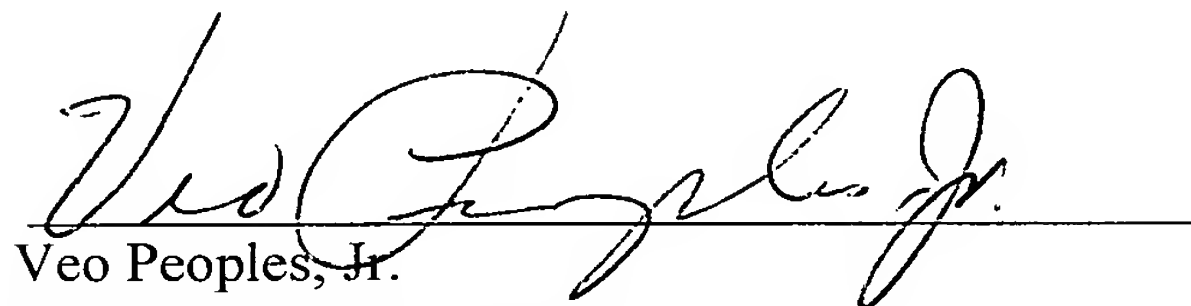
**REMARKS**

The Amendment was listed as non-responsive for failing to follow the revised Amendment practice which went into effect July 30, 2003. However, in this Amendment the Applicant has indeed followed that practice. The text of each pending claim is presented in the claims listed. Those claims which are amended are listed with markings. The other claims which have not been amended are presented in original form, therefore they are in the clean version.

The Applicant very much appreciates the Examiner's courtesy in allowing us to supply the corrected claim listing.

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